

Abstract

5 The present invention relates to novel estrogen-related steroidal quinols and their use as drugs for estrogen replacement therapy. The quinols of the present invention provide improved physicochemical properties, increased bioavailability, and improved distribution into tissues, bone, in the cardiovascular system, and in the CNS (central nervous system) with only a slight estrogenic action or no estrogenic action in the uterus. The compounds are suitable for the production of pharmaceutical agents for use in numerous indications (for example, estrogen replacement therapy, prevention and treatment of osteoporosis).